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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/669,871	Applicant(s) CHUNG, IP SING	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 1, and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Chen (6167613). Chen teaches a carry bag having a flexible outer wall, a flexible inner wall defining a receiving space and being sealed to the outer wall to form an inflatable volume therebetween, a valve 24, and an opening at 10.

Regarding claim 2, note ribs between portions 23.

2. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Brockhaus (4679242) or Luque (4974761) or Vandewall (5395022). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a strap 49 having a pair of fasteners (note the clips in Fig. 5 to be mated with the rings in Fig. 7) as taught by Brockhaus to provide an alternative handle.

In the alternative, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a strap with a pair of fasteners as taught by either Luque or Vandewall at each end to provide an alternative carrying means.

Regarding claim 4, the inner wall is sealed to the outer wall at a position space from the opening as shown in Fig. 3.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Valdivielso (407625). Valdivielso teaches a carry bag having a flexible outer wall, a flexible inner wall defining a receiving space and being sealed to the outer wall to form an inflatable volume therebetween, a valve 24, and an opening at 10.

Regarding claim 2, note a circumscribe rib right below E.

Regarding claim 3 note the strap H with fasteners at each end thereof.

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Regarding claim 4, note the bag is rolled down as claimed.

Regarding claim 5, note the fasteners are attached to form a handle as shown in fig. 3.

4. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by either Wang (2003/0155268) or Newman (6283296). Either Wang or Newman teaches a carry bag with outer and inner wall along with the valve, the opening, and the rib as claimed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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